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Naoki MIDOH et al.

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**CYCLIC DEPSIPEPTIDE SYNTHETASE
AND GENE THEREOF, AND MASS
PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR CYCLIC DEPSIPEPTIDE**

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This reply is in complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 18, 2003, and is being filed on or before its now current due date of December 18, 2003.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1, 13, and 14.

Rejoinder of the non-elected claims is respectfully solicited upon an allowance of the elected product claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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